

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03**

**Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting
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SITBB001	S015	CHAN Kwok-keung	55	Telecommunications
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
~~WRITTEN~~/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SITBB001

Question Serial No.

S015

Head : 55 - Government Secretariat :
Information Technology and
Broadcasting Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Telecommunications

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting

Question : The Administration has already been approved the commitment of \$9 million for the preparation of hosting ITU TELECOM ASIA 2002, please give the breakdown of such expenses.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kwok-keung

Reply : In 2002-03, we have been approved under the Capital Account a commitment of \$9M for hosting the ITU TELECOM Asia 2002. The estimated breakdown of the itemised expenditure is at below :-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u> (\$M)
Host city functions (e.g. welcome reception, farewell reception, etc.)	5.7
Publicity & Hospitality	1.4
Transportation	1.1
Security	0.5
Miscellaneous	<u>0.3</u>
	<u>9.0</u>

Besides, we are now seeking commercial sponsorship for other expenses. The abovesaid commitment of \$9M has not taken into account such expenses expected to be borne by commercial sponsorship.

Name in block letters

Mrs Carrie Yau

Post Title

Secretary for Information Technology
and Broadcasting

Date

28.3.2002

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SITBB002

Question Serial No.

S014

Head: 180 Television and Entertainment
Licensing Authority

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Broadcast Monitoring and Regulation
(2) Film Services
(3) Film Classification and Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting

Question : How much can be saved in the new financial year by deleting three, one and eight permanent posts respectively under Programmes (1), (2) and (3)? After the deletion of these posts, how will the duties be rearranged?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kwok-keung

Reply:

In 2002-03, we plan to delete a total of 16 posts. As we also plan to create 4 new posts, the net number of post to be deleted is therefore 12. Based on the notional annual mid-point salary values of the 16 deleted posts, it is estimated that a total of \$2.816 m in annual salary can be saved in the new financial year.

In order to ensure that the deletion of the above posts will not compromise the quality of our services, the department has reviewed and streamlined existing working procedures, appropriately re-engineered and arranged for service outsourcing, and provided existing staff with appropriate training and equipment needed for office automation. All these measures aim at enhancing efficiency and productivity.

Name in block letters Eddy CHAN

Post Title Commissioner for Television
and Entertainment Licensing

Date 3.4.2002